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Application of: SAH and RAYMON

Application No.: 09/060,409

Group Art Unit: 1632

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Examiner: A.-M. Baker

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OF USE THEREFOR

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COMMUNICATION SUMMARIZING INTERVIEW

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Sir:

Applicants thank Examiner Baker for the interview held December 6, 2001 with Applicants' representative, Mr. Lawrence S. Graham. The Examiner's efforts and comments are sincerely appreciated.

Applicants' representative discussed the possibility of keeping the Application pending after a Response After Final was filed on the last day of the statutory deadline (December 5, 2001) without a Notice of Appeal. Applicants' representative informed the Examiner that several rejected claims had not been canceled, though arguments were made that, in the representative's opinion, placed the application in condition for allowance. In addition, Applicants' representative informed the Examiner that a number of new claims had been added. Based on the above, the Examiner informed Applicants' representative that the Application had likely been abandoned as of December 6.

Applicant's representative inquired about an Examiner's Amendment to cancel all of the previously rejected claims, and the newly-added claims, leaving only claims the Examiner had allowed in the previous Office Action, in order to be certain the Application would be in condition for allowance. The Examiner, however, explained that an Examiner's Amendment could not be entered unless the case were still pending, and suggested instead that a Petition to Revive should be filed to revive the Application.

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Applicants' representative agreed to this course of action, and did, in fact file a Petition to Revive, along with a Petition to Expedite, on December 7, 2001.

If there is any way Applicants' representatives are able to assist in advancing prosecution of this application, they would be pleased to help.

Respectfully submitted,

Date January 4, 2002

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